



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ENERGY POLICY STATEMENT

We are committed to a Coast Guard that protects America's marine and coastal environment, conserves natural resources and fosters efficient and sustainable business practices for the common good. Our Service's effectiveness and reputation depend on operating in harmony with the environment, complying with environmental requirements and being good stewards of natural resources. We are also committed to incorporating sustainable practices into our daily operations and executing a Coast Guard Operational Sustainability Performance Plan. Successful sustainability programs require all-hands-on-deck participation at every level of our workforce. If, together, we are proactive, we can take steps today to ensure the health of our workforce and our communities, and to preserve our natural environment for future generations.

To realize these goals, Coast Guard personnel shall:

- Enhance environmental consciousness – assess the environmental impact of current operations and take action to reduce environmental impacts, greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and waste;
- Innovate – seek alternatives that maximize use of renewable energy sources;
- Develop and use best environmental practices to maintain personnel safety and health, reduce liabilities, and achieve sustainability;
- Increase recycling and green procurement practices;
- Reduce water consumption and improve water quality around our units;
- Comply with all applicable environmental and pollution laws;
- Promote awareness to help ensure fellow shipmates are educated about their duties and responsibilities to follow this policy; and
- Implement other effective measures to meet the targets described in the Operational Sustainability Performance Plan.

As a Service with environmental protection as one of our core missions, we must strive to be a model for sustainable practices, continually seeking to conserve energy and minimize the environmental impact of operations on our marine and coastal ecosystems.


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